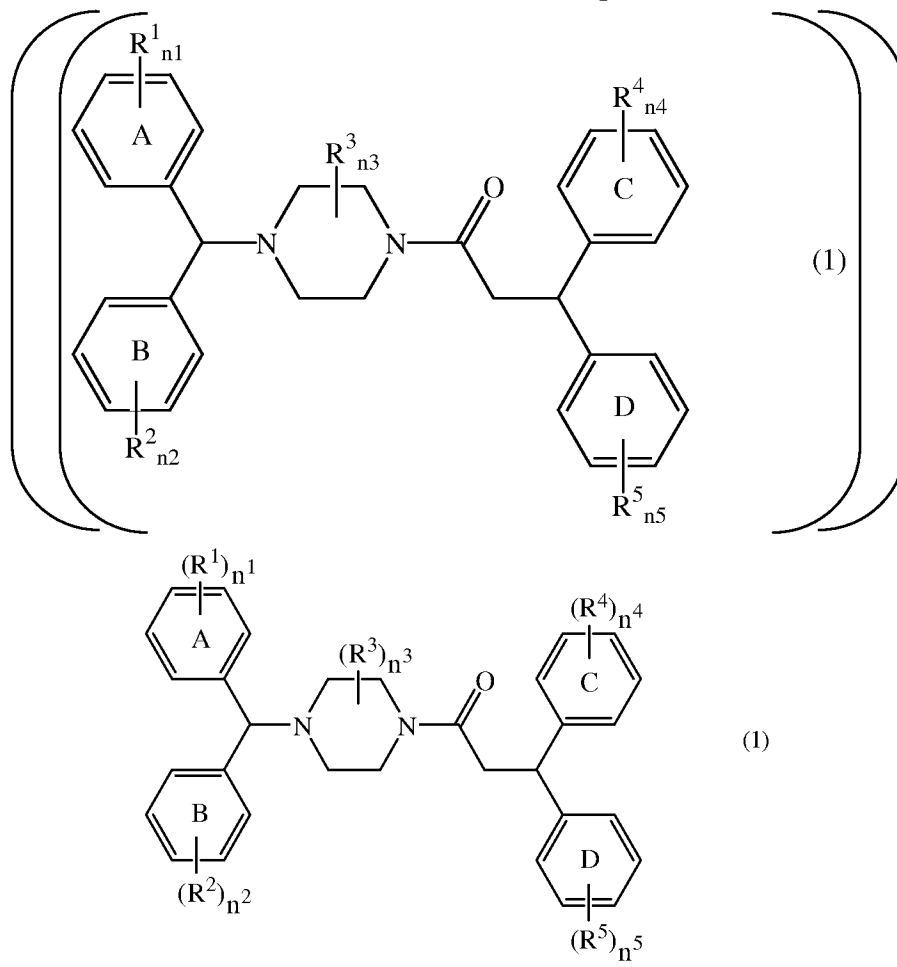


CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (currently amended): A method to therapeutically treat a condition selected from the group consisting of pain, stroke, epilepsy, anxiety and depression in a subject, which method comprises administering to a subject in need of such treatment an amount of a compound of formula (1) effective to treat said condition wherein said compound of formula (1) is:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof

wherein each R^1 - R^5 is independently optionally substituted alkyl (1-10C), alkenyl (2-10C), alkynyl (2-10C), aryl (6-10C), alkylaryl (7-16C) or alkenylaryl (7-16C) each optionally further containing 1-4 heteroatoms (N, O or S) and wherein said optional substituents may include =O; or

each of R^1 - R^5 is independently halo, NO_2 , SO, SO_2 , SO_2NH_2 , -OH, SH or NH_2 , and wherein R^3 may be keto if $n^3 = 1$; and

wherein two substituents on adjacent positions of the same ring may form a 3-7 membered saturated or unsaturated ring fused to said substituted ring, said fused ring itself optionally substituted and optionally containing one or more heteroatoms (N, S, O); or

wherein a combination of R^1 and R^2 and/or R^4 and R^5 may form a bond or a bridge between phenyl groups A and B and/or C and D; and

wherein each n^1 , n^2 , n^3 , n^4 and n^5 is independently 0-4; and/or

the compound of formula (1) is in the form of an isolated stereoisomer; or

the compound of formula (1) is P49 or P50 in Figure (1) or a salt thereof.

2. (currently amended): The method of claim 1, wherein each of R^1 , R^2 , R^4 and R^5 is independently halo, or is optionally heteroatom containing and/or optionally substituted alkyl (1-10C), alkenyl (2-10C), aryl (6-10C), arylalkyl (7-16C), ~~arylalkenyl, or phenoxy or alkenylaryl (7-16C).~~

3. (withdrawn; currently amended): The method of claim 1, wherein R^1 and R^2 and/or R^4 and R^5 form a bridge of 1-3 members.

4. (withdrawn; currently amended): The method of claim 1, wherein n^3 is 1 and R^3 is COOH or an alkyl ester thereof.

5. (withdrawn; currently amended): The method of claim 1, wherein all of n^1 - n^2 and n^4 - n^5 are 0.

6. (currently amended): The method of claim 1, wherein one of n^1 - n^2 and n^4 - n^5 is 1 and the other n are 0.

7. (withdrawn; currently amended): The method of claim 1, wherein one of n^1 - n^2 and n^4 - n^5 is 2 and the other n are 0.

8. (withdrawn; currently amended): The method of claim 1₁ wherein one of n^1 - n^2 and n^4 - n^5 is 3 and the other n are 0.

9. (withdrawn; currently amended): The method of claim 1₁ which is compound P37-P50 in Figure 1 or a salt thereof.

10. (currently amended): The method of claim 1₁ wherein the condition is pain.

11. (withdrawn; currently amended): The method of claim 1₁ wherein the condition is stroke.

12. (withdrawn; currently amended): The method of claim 1₁ wherein the condition is epilepsy.

13. (withdrawn; currently amended): The method of claim 1₁ wherein the condition is anxiety or depression.

14. (withdrawn; currently amended): The method of claim 5₁ wherein the condition is pain.

15. (withdrawn; currently amended): The method of claim 5₁ wherein the condition is stroke.

16. (withdrawn; currently amended): The method of claim 5₁ wherein the condition is epilepsy.

17. (withdrawn; currently amended): The method of claim 5₁ wherein the condition is anxiety or depression.